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Application of: Duffy et al. Confirmation No.: 1003
Serial No.: 09/379,212 Art Unit: 3763
Filed: August 23, 1999 Examiner: Mendez, Manuel A
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR Attorney Docket No: 8236-0053-999
POWER CONNECTION IN A
MODULAR PATIENT CARE
SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTION
OF INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the specification and the claims into the file of the above-identified application. Furthermore, please correct the inventorship as designated below pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c) with the required documents being filed concurrently herewith.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph at page 9, line 14, between “however.” and “For”:

In a preferred embodiment, each functional unit may have a SELECT key on the face of the unit. In order to provide increased safety, it is preferable that the system be designed such that selection of a particular functional unit requires that the SELECT key located on the functional unit be depressed in order to select that functional unit. This requirement will help insure that the proper functional unit is selected, in particular when infusion pump units are used for multiple drug infusions. When the desired functional unit is selected, display 106 of interface unit 102 is configured so as to act as the user interface for the selected functional unit. Preferably, display 102 is configured in accordance with a function specific domain to provide function specific displays and softkeys 110 as explained in greater detail in incorporated U.S. Patent No. 5,713,856.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1 - 18 (Cancelled)

19. (Previously amended) A modular patient care system, comprising:

a plurality of modules including a first module and a second module, said second module comprising a first portion grippable by a user, said second module being configured and dimensioned so as to be capable of being held by a single hand of the user by gripping said first portion;

a hinge connector pair configured and dimensioned to allow hingeable engagement of said second module to said first module near a first end of said second module;

a latch mechanism for securing said second module to said first module near a second end of said second module, said latch mechanism comprising a first part connected to said first module and a second part connected to said second module near said second end, said second part being capable of springably securing to said first part when forced into said first part;

means for releasing said second part from said first part;

a guide mechanism separate from said hinge connector pair and said latch mechanism and located therebetween, said guide mechanism for discouraging off-axis engagement of said first and second modules and for providing mechanical stability for said first and second modules when engaged;

wherein

said means for releasing is spaced away from said first portion of said second module a distance sufficient to prevent a hand gripping said first portion from also activating said releasing means;

whereby

said second module is capable of being structurally engaged to said first module in a one-handed, single step operation, and whereby an at least two-step or two-handed operation is required to structurally disengage said second module from said first module.

20. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 19, said latch mechanism further comprising a latch tongue on one of said first or second parts and a catch feature on the other of said first or second parts for catching and engaging said latch tongue, wherein said releasing means is configured and dimensioned to release said latch tongue from said catch feature upon actuation.

21. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 19, said hinge connector pair comprising:

 a male hinge connector on either of said first or second modules, said male hinge connector having a first and second set of electrical contacts formed thereon; and

 a female hinge connector on the other of said first or second modules for hingeably engaging said male hinge connector, said female hinge connector having a third and fourth set of electrical contacts formed thereon configured and dimensioned to connect to said first and second set of electrical contacts, respectively, upon hingeable engagement of said hinge connector pair;

 whereby said first and second modules become electrically engaged upon becoming structurally engaged.

22. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 21, wherein said electrical contacts are configured and dimensioned such that said first and third sets of electrical contacts connect before said second and fourth sets of electrical contacts connect during engagement of said first and second modules, and such that said first and third sets of electrical contacts disconnect after said second and fourth sets of electrical contacts disconnect during disengagement of said first and second modules.

23. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 20, further comprising a fastener for affixing said latch tongue within said catch feature, said fastener being configured and dimensioned such that a special fastener tool is required to release said fastener from said latch tongue,

 whereby when said fastener has affixed said latch tongue, said first and second modules remain permanently engaged until said fastener is released from said latch tongue using said special fastener tool.

24. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 19, said modules each having a front, a back, and sides, said first and second modules defining a pair when engaged, said guide mechanism comprising:

 a male elevation feature protruding from one of said first or second modules;

 a female recess feature in the other of said first or second modules;

 wherein said male elevation feature is chamfered and said female recess feature is shaped for corresponding lead-in to provide guidance of said modules during engagement.

25. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 20, said latch tongue and said catch feature being configured and dimensioned to provide for springable engagement of said latch tongue into said catch feature sufficient to cause a mechanical resonance at said first portion detectable by the user, whereby tactile feedback is provided to the user upon completion of the engagement of said first and second modules.

26. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 21, said first and second modules defining a pair when engaged, said modular patient care system further comprising a cover coupled to said male or female hinge connectors for covering said connector when not in use, said cover being hingeably adjustable with respect to said connector, wherein said cover is configured and dimensioned to be partially compressed upon engagement of said first and second modules to provide cushion and prevent rattling of said pair.

27. (Original) The modular patient care system of claim 21, said first module being a main interface module for providing an interface between the system and the user, said second module being a functional module for providing patient therapies or monitoring, said first and second modules each comprising a face, a first surface, and a second surface opposite said first surface,

wherein said hinge connector pair, said latch mechanism, and said guide means are formed at said second surface of said first module and said first surface of said second module, and

wherein said second surface of said second module is substantially identical to said first surface of said first module;

whereby said first and second modules are capable of being electrically and structurally engaged by hingeably coupling said first surface of said second module to said second surface of said first module, and

whereby said first and second modules are also capable of being electrically and structurally engaged by hingeably coupling said second surface of said second module to said first surface of said first module.

28. (New) The modular patient care system of claim 27, wherein said functional module includes as SELECT key communicating with the interface module, and wherein depression of said SELECT key selects the functional module and initiates configuration of the interface module as a user interface for the selected functional module.

REMARKS:

In the present amendment, new dependent claim 28 is added in order to more fully claim features of the invention. In order to clarify the support for new claim 28, the specification has been amended to include a more explicit description of the claimed functionality. Support for these amendments may be found in incorporated by reference Patent No. 5,713,856 at column 5, lines 20 - 47. Thus, no new matter is added by these amendments.

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c) to name the correct inventors. The invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application pursuant to the Amendment being filed concurrently herewith was invented by Robert J. Duffy, Lon M. Severe, Edward M. Richards, Shawn W. Dekalb, James P. Stewart, and Timothy Vanderveen.

At the time the above-identified application was filed, Timothy Vanderveen was omitted without deceptive intention as a co-inventor of the invention disclosed but not claimed since the relevant subject matter was already disclosed and incorporated by reference in U.S. Patent No. 5,713,856. The addition of new claim 28 as presented herein necessitates the addition of an inventor, Timothy Vanderveen. Mr. Vanderveen is also named as an inventor on the incorporated patent.

In support of this Request and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c), Applicants attach hereto:

Exhibit A: Statement By Inventor To Be Added Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)(2) executed by Timothy Vanderveen on August 11, 2003;

Exhibit B: Supplemental Declarations executed and dated as follows:

Robert J. Duffy., August 19, 2003
Lon M. Severe, August 9, 2003
Edward M. Richards, August 10, 2003
Shawn W. Dekalb, September 8, 2003
James P. Stewart, September 16, 2003
Timothy Vanderveen, August 11, 2003

Exhibit C: Consent By Assignee For correction of Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)(5) executed on August 13, 2003 by Stuart Rickerson, Esq., General Counsel, Alaris Medical Systems, Inc.

CONCLUSION:

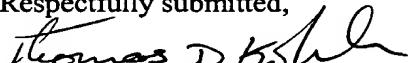
As claim 28 is a dependent claim, dependent upon previously allowed claims 19, 21 and 27, it is respectfully submitted that the application as a whole is now in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present amendment he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, Thomas D. Kohler, at 650-849-7706 to expedite allowance of the application.

Inventors Duffy, Robert J., Severe, Lon M., Richards, Edward M., Dekalb, Shawn W., and Stewart, James P. assigned their rights in related application 08/871,307 filed on June 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,941,846, from which the present application is a continuation application to Alaris Medical Systems, Inc., as evidenced by Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, Recordation Date, January 28, 1998, Reel No. 8988, Frame No. 0431. An Assignment from Timothy Vanderveen was executed on August 11, 2003 to Alaris Medical Systems, Inc. and is being submitted for recordation concurrently herewith. Accordingly, all right, title and interest in, to and under the subject application and invention reside in Alaris Medical Systems, Inc.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that this Request be granted and that the subject application be amended to reflect the correct inventors. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)(4) and 1.17(i), the fee in connection with the filing of this Request is estimated to be \$130.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Date: September 19, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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Thomas D. Kohler

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Enclosures:

- Exhibit A: Statement By Inventor To Be Added
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Sir:

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I, Timothy Vanderveen, have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified application and the Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c) to be submitted concurrently herewith to amend the above-identified application to correctly name all of the inventors. I hereby state that the amendment of the inventors to add my name is necessitated by an amendment of the claims and further that the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on my part in the omission of my name as co-inventor.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further declare that all statements made by me herein are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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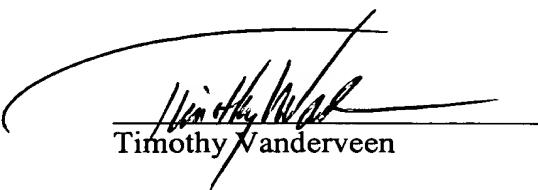

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Supplemental Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(c)(3)

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**SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION***

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. beneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POWER CONNECTION IN A MODULAR PATIENT CARE SYSTEM

and for which a patent application:

is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on (if applicable)
 was filed in the United States on August 23, 1999 as Application No. 09/379,212 (for declaration not accompanying application)
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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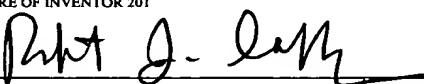
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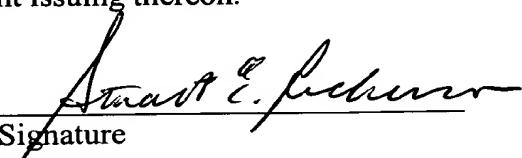
Alaris Medical Systems, Inc., having an office for transaction of business at 10221 Wateridge Circle, San Diego, California 92121, as an assignee of right, title and interest in, to and under the invention and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/379,212 filed August 23, 1999, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POWER CONNECTION IN A MODULAR PATIENT CARE SYSTEM," hereby consents to amendment of the application to name the following actual inventors: Duffy, Robert J., Severe, Lon M., Richards, Edward M., Dekalb, Shawn W., Stewart, James P., and Vanderveen, Timothy.

The present application is a continuation application of Application No. 08/871,307 filed on June 9, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,941,846, which was assigned to Alaris Medical Systems, Inc., by Duffy, Robert J., Severe, Lon M., Richards, Edward M., Dekalb, Shawn W., Stewart, James P. as evidenced by Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, Recordation Date, January 28, 1998, Reel No. 8988, Frame No. 0431.

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

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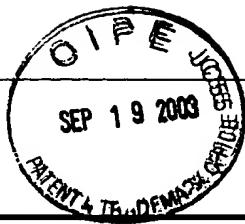
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, TIMOTHY VANDERVEEN, ASSIGNOR, citizen of the United States, residing at 13571 Summit Circle¹, Poway, California 92064, am an inventor of the invention in "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POWER CONNECTION IN A MODULAR PATIENT CARE SYSTEM"

- which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 8236-053-999
- which was filed on August 23, 1999, Application No. 09/379,212

and WHEREAS, Alaris Medical Systems, Inc., 10221 Wateridge Circle, San Diego, California, 92121, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

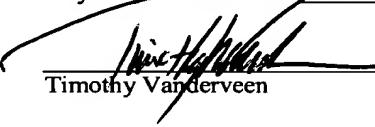
AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant and agree that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

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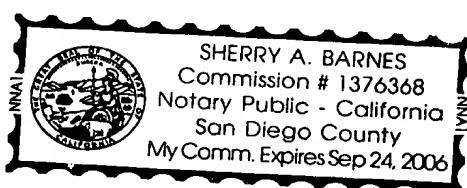

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On August 11, 2003, before me, Sherry A. Barnes, Notary Public, personally appeared Timothy Vanderveen, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Sherry A. Barnes




SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR NON-PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION*

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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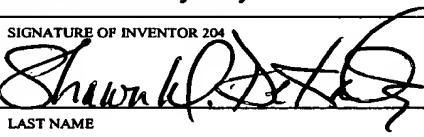
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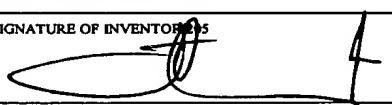
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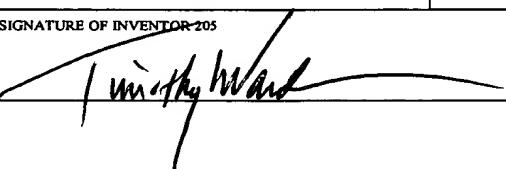
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